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Applicant: Naoki AYAI et al.
Title: OXIDE HIGH-TEMPERATURE SUPERCONDUCTING
WIRE AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR
PROPRIETARY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.56 AND MPEP §§ 742 AND 724.02**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached hereto is a Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement submitting proprietary information to the Patent and Trademark Office in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and MPEP § 724. Applicants respectfully request that the information be considered only by the Examiner in charge of the above-captioned application, or other authorized Patent and Trademark employee.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

The following is a list of a copending U.S. patent application which relates to the above-identified application.

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Applicants' consider the aforementioned document and the disclosure of its existence as pending application to constitute proprietary information. Accompanying this Proprietary Information Disclosure Statement is a transmittal letter indicating that the materials contained herein are proprietary, as required by MPEP § 724.02.

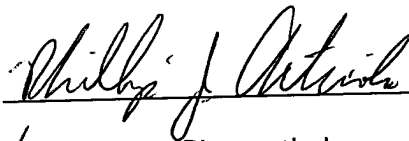
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the foregoing information and provide in the next official communication the information set forth in MPEP § 724.04(a), particularly the information under item (3), so that the applicants can, if appropriate, subsequently file a petition to expunge those materials, as provided according to MPEP § 724.05.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* art reference against the claims of the present application.

TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), within three (3) months of the filing date of the application.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Documents A4 and A5 are cited in the specification.

Documents A1-A3 on the attached PTO-1449 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding International application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner. English-language counterparts of the foreign-language documents have not been provided. The absence of such translations or English-language counterpart documents does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider any submitted documents (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP§609).

Document A6 relates to an oxide superconductor wire and its manufacture.

Document A7 relates to a high-temperature oxide superconducting wire and its manufacture.

English language abstracts are attached for Documents A1-A7.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	A1	6-76650	3/18/94	Japan				Abstr.
	A2	7-169342	7/4/95	Japan				Abstr.
	A3	10-247428	9/14/98	Japan				Abstr.
	A4	96/28853	9/19/96	WIPO				Abstr.
	A5	10-50152	2/20/98	Japan				Abstr.
	A6	3-15116	1/23/91	Japan				Abstr.
	A7	11-312420	11/9/99	Japan				Abstr.

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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